

ABSTRACT

An emulsion comprising: water; hydrophilic particles; and hydrophobic particles; wherein the hydrophilic and hydrophobic particles form shells encapsulating a gas that are suspended in the water, said shells comprising an external layer of hydrophilic particles and an
5 internal layer of hydrophobic particles adjacent to the layer of hydrophilic particles.

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